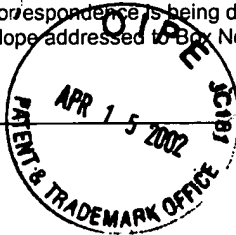


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Preliminary Amendment

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Dear Sir:

Prior to considering the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

26. A method of expressing a heterologous polypeptide having endoglucanase activity in an *Aspergillus* species, comprising:

- (a) Providing a host *Aspergillus* with an expression vector comprising a polynucleotide encoding a signal sequence linked to a polynucleotide encoding a heterologous endoglucanase, thereby encoding a chimeric polypeptide;
- (b) Cultivating said host *Aspergillus* under conditions suitable for said *Aspergillus* to produce said chimeric polypeptide, wherein said chimeric polypeptide is produced.

27. A method of producing ethanol, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) contacting a biomass composition with an enzymatic composition comprising endoglucanase 6 to yield a sugar solution;
- b) adding to the sugar solution a fermentative microorganism; and

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Enclosed please find the following document: Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC698). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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